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ALLEGED DORMITORY LOOTERS, FELLED BY FLYING TACKLER, O ON TRIAL THIS MORNING

Dean Emerson Honor Guest At Reception

Seven Hundred Inspect Rogers Building Last Night

DR. COMPTON PRESIDES

Seven hundred guests attended the reception for Dean William Emerson and faculty members of the School of Architecture, held last night in the new Rogers Building from nine to eleven.

President Karl T. Compton and the members of the Corporation were hosts to the large number of guests, some of whom came from New York for the occasion. An inspection of Building 7 and of several exhibitions of architectural work were highlights of the evening's program.

Reception in Lobby

of the new Rogers Building, where a specially designed floral decoration formed the background for the receiv-

Mrs. Karl T. Compton in receiving the guests were Dean and Mrs. Emer-50n, Dr. and Mrs. Vannevar Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stockton, Mr. Charles 1). Maginnis, president of the American Institute of Architects; Mr. John T. Whitmore, president of the Boston ociety of Architects; Professor and Mrs. Harry W. Gardner, Professor Emeritus, Mrs. William H. Lawrence, and Professor and Mrs. Frederick J.

Christmas Dance Features Santa

Mistletoe And Gifts Will Add **Novelty To Dormitory** Informal Affair

Santa Claus, gifts, refreshments, and mistletoe are among the specialties which have been planned to make the Dorm Christmas Dance on Friday night in Walker one of the most informal and enjoyable of the season.

The identity of Santa Claus and all plans concerning his arrival at the dance have been withheld, but rumors have leaked out that in case there is no snow to provide Santa with transportation, six stalwart freshmen who have volunteered, will bodily transport him into the Main Hall of Walker

where he will distribute gifts. Special arrangements have also been made with the Glee Club Octet to render a medley of Christmas carols and Tech songs during intermission.

As has been previously announced, Gene Dennis and his band will provide the music for the dancing. The Dennis band, which has become quite popular in the vicinity of Boston during the past year, has appeared at many New England college dances and outdoor dance spots.

Featured vocalist of the band is Edna Creighton, sweetheart of Back Bay society, who last summer vied with the former Sally Clark for the feminine vocal honors in Boston.

McHUGH FELLED BY POLICEMAN



The Tech Photo by Fred C. Gunther, '41

Joseph McHugh, the suspected trespasser who has a previous police record, became angered at photographers. He attempted to charge them The reception was held in the lobby but was stopped by a blow from a policeman which sent him to the floor. The above photo shows him falling.

Those who joined President and Police Surprised To Discover Prisoners Unhurt By Students

Surprise was expressed by Cambridge police at finding the two suspected trespassers in such good swearing at those about him until physical condition. According to one officer, they fully expected to see two beaten and unconscious bodies on the cement dormitory floor.

Students in Gay Mood

However, the mood of the crowd of students who held the youths captive was one of jovial excitement rather than that of an angry mob. Jokes passed back and forth.

One new-dorm resident, upon arriving at the scene of the excitement, asked what was happening. He was told by a loyal old-dormer, "These are our crooks. Go back and catch your own."

Engineers' Sex Appeal Rated Tops By Simmons

Simmons College last week held a poli to determine who Simmons girls "go for," and although the final count gave the edge to Technology by only a rather close margin, the engineers can pride themselves on their superior sex appeal. The institute, which gained 130 of the votes cast, was closely followed by its arch-enemy,

Harvard, with 113. When asked the question, "What do you think of Tech men?" the following illuminating answers were received:

Esther Stevens, '42: "I haven't met many Tech men yet, but, in my opinion, they seem to be a

Jane Helseth, '39: "I think Tech men on the whole are a finer bunch than can be found anywhere in the country."

Betty Mannel, '42: "Now, what do you think?"

McHugh Curses Crowd

McHugh was very cocky. He kept ficiency in Business". silenced by the threats of several students. Murphy, however, seemed to have had all the fight taken out of him in his struggle with Morehouse. for he stood leaning against the wall and looked rather frightened.

Water Bags Withheld

Traditional dislike of the Cambridge police for Technology water bags was voiced by one policeman when he expressed his gratitude that the arrival ammunition.

Police Seek Link With 4 Other Thefts, Hold Pair in \$10,000 Bail

On trial today after being captured by two Technology students in a chase through a dormitory hall early Saturday morning, John W. Murphy and Joseph McHugh, alias Dennis Carey, face charges of

Prof. Schell

To Course 15 Head For Fine Work

This year's winner of the Gilbreth Medal for Management Advancement is Professor Erwin H. Schell, head of the Department of Business and Engineering Administration. The award is made annually by the Society for the Advancement of Management to that person who, in its opinion, has made the most outstanding contribution to industrial engineering and management.

Professor Schell is prominent as a writer and lecturer on liberal subjects. He has written two standard texts. "The Technique of Executive Control" and "Administrative Pro-

From Class of '12

Originally coming from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Professor Schell is an Institute graduate, Class of 1912. Since then he has carried on extensive research on business and economic problems. He has been a member of the Staff since 1917, being made head of C. J. Friedrich his department in 1931.

The committee for the award of the medal, included Mr. Herbert Hoover, Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, Mr. Ordway Tead, and Mr. Allan H. Mogensen, The of the prowl car was not greeted by a committee announced its decision at shower of the dorm man's favorite the annual conference of the society in New York.

breaking and entering in the night. The suspects have been held since Saturday on \$5,000 bail each in the

house of correction. McHugh, the nouse of correction. McHugh, the shorter of the two, is 22 years of age and has a police record. He was apprehended some time ago by the Har-Gilbreth Medal Presented vard Police, charged with larceny and breaking and entering, but was put on probation last July 31.

Caught on 5th Floor, Goodale

Credit for their capture goes to John L. MacKerron, '40, occupant of the invaded room, and Reeve C. Morehouse, '40, MacKerron's neighbor. MacKerron, in an exclusive interview with The Tech, stated that he was sleeping when awakened around 2 A.M. by a slight noise. Looking about, he per-

ceived two forms rifling his clothes. "What do you want?" he asked.

"Shut up or we'll let you have it!" was the reply he received. "Where's your wallet?"

Morehouse Enters

At this point, made suspicious by the noise, Morehouse entered through the door connecting the two rooms. The alleged trespassers broke for the corridor door and ran down the hall, first turning toward a dead end and then swerving in the opposite direc

Morehouse seized Murphy before the (Continued on Page 3)

Robberies

To Speak Here

Technology Peace Federation Hears Propaganda Talk This Afternoon

"Propaganda" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Carl J. Friedrich before the Peace Federation this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Room 6-120. Dr. Friedrich. Professor of Government at Harvard, has made an intensive study of propaganda and its influence for a number of years. He will discuss methods for the layman to distinguish facts from propaganda. Dr. Friedrich has written several books on politics, his latest being "Foreign Policy in the Making."

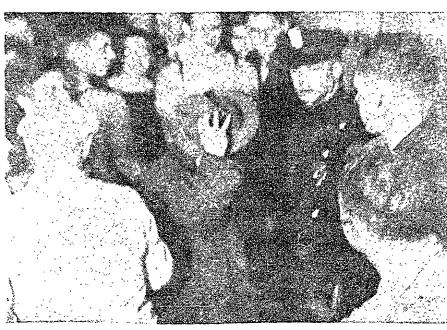
Federation Gets Contribution

The Technology Peace Federation has received a donation of fifty dollars from an anonymous party to carry on its work this year, and to prove that the organization is necessary at Technology and worthy of financial support next year.

Business Meeting Tomorrow

There will be a business meeting of the Federation tomorrow at 5 P.M. in the East Lounge of Walker Memorial. Three men will be elected to the executive committee, and plans will be worked out for the year. All activities, clubs, fraternities, and other residential groups are each asked to send two delegates.

SUSPECT AFTER QUESTIONING



The Tech Photo by William Standenmaier, '41

McHugh shields face from photographers

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DON'T ACT THE FOOL

IN PUBLIC

The fraternities for years have made themselves ridiculous by their initiations in public, and it is significant that the interfraternity conference realizes the evils of this system and has taken steps to correct it. By going on record against "asinine" demonstrations in public, they did not overstep their very meagre authority, but have voiced their opinion on the subject.

There is nothing in their decision that can put any pressure on the groups that do not live up to the spirit of this sentiment, and there was no attempt to define the acts that would be considered as violations. The groups that have been taking advantage of the rest of the fraternities by putting them all in a bad light, both in the eyes of the public, and in the eyes of the Institute authorities, it is hoped, will understand the reasons for this move and take the proper steps to correct the situation.

It is peculiar that fraternity initiations still run to public display when it is seldom that Technology students are extremely embarrassed by taking part in performances of this sort. The new members can always explain that they are forced to act as they do, and it would seem that for the most part entertainments in the various houses should be interesting enough for the members. The desire to show off in public cannot be denied, but there are very strong reasons why it should be limited to smaller groups.

RESTRICT

THE "CAMBRIDGE BRATS"

In the minds of a certain group of people, there seems to be some doubt of the truth in the statement concerning the profitableness of crime. There may be reason for this doubt when it appears that civilians wont cooperate with the police in taking care of their property and in reporting thefts.

According to reports, the police were not informed of the thefts in the dormitories till pocket-books had been found and turned over to them in hopes of finding the owners. The excuse that was given was that they did not believe the police would be able to do anything to help find the criminals. Actually, they made it definite that they did not want anything done by not letting them try.

We understand that it is merely as an economy measure that the police protection of the dormitories is relieved late at night, but surely this protection shows itself to be necessary. There is certainly no reason to pay for services that are not required, but the fact that "Cambridge Brats" keep wandering through the dormitories should be reason enough to clamp down and stop the looting.

LOVE FINDS

THE ENGINEER

In recent years, the complaint that the Tech student was more machine than man has slackened noticeably. Courses in humanics and liberal subjects have done much to humanize the embryonic scientist. Recognition of the definitely human attractiveness of M.I.T. men comes now from neighboring Simmons College. For quite a while the Simmons drama group has chosen Institute men over thespians from all other local male schools to play opposite them in their productions.

A well-conducted poll taken last week indicates that Tech is the favorite man's college of the average Simmons lass. Harvard and Dartmouth come first, after Tech. Simmons, we congratulate you; your taste is irreproachable.

ELECTIONS

Volume LVIII of THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the names of the following members of the Class of 1941 as Staff Assistants: William B. Allen, Arthur Arguedas, Clayton K. Baer, Adolf Bertsch, Donald B. Cameron, Cranmore W. Cline, Leslie Corsa, Jr., Harold E. Dato, Ben K. Duffy, Frank J. Jerome, Raymond F. Koch, Martin Mann, Howard A. Morrison, Jr., Howard J. Samuels, and William Staudenmaier.

SCIENCE IN BRIEF

By ARTHUR M. YORK, '38

Simultaneous Fireflies

One species of firefly, which inhabits certain tropical countries, has the singular characteristic of collecting in large numbers, usually alighted on a branch of a tree, and flashing rhythmically and simultaneously. Biologists believe that the most plausible explanation for the behavior of these insects is that the flashing is conducted by a leader who fiashes his light first and is followed only a fraction of a second later by all his neighbors. The flashes are so close together that they seem simultaneous. (1)

Combating Nature's Influence

Worm-eaten piles under wharves and other waterfront structures in the Boston Harbor were replaced during the last two years at a cost of about five million dollars. The determination of the causes and prevention of such biological attacks is one of the many problems confronting the biological engineer, a newcomer to the field of engineering. (2)

Unseen Shining Stars

Astronomers suspect that there are stars in the sky which cannot be seen but which, nevertheless, are shining brightly. It is believed that, if a star had sufficient density, its gravitational force would slow up the light so much that it would take it an indefinitely long time to travel anywhere, and that, even if it did arrive at the earth, it would possess zero energy and could not be detected. (3)

Small Turkey

America's small families were faced with the problem of how to prepare and consume a whole turkey at Thanksgiving until the experimenters of the U.S. Department of Agriculture developed a "small turkey" which solved the problem. (4)

Purge of Professors

Since the seizure of Austria by Germany, about half of the assistant professors of the once renowned medical faculty of the University of Vienna have lost their former positions. The purge included some "Aryans" as well as Jews. (5)

Reviews and Previews

COLONIAL-Jane Cowl returned to the Boston stage after too long an absence, in Max Reinhart's production of The Merchant of Yonkers, which opened here last night. Also asso- 27. ciated in the presentation of Thornton Wilder's new farce is Herman Shumlin. Settings are by Boris Aronson, and incidental music by Alexander Members of the supporting cast include June Walker, Percy Waram, Joe Sweeney, Tom Ewell, Carrie Weller, and Philip Coolidge.

SYMPHONY HALL - Jesus Maria Sanroma will play with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, conductor, in the weekend series this week.

Piano and orchestra will cooperate

in a rendition of Vladimir Dukelsky's 'Dedicaces". Other numbers on the program will be Haydn's Symphony in B flat, No. 102, and Sibelius' Second Symphony in D major. It is announced that Anja Ignatius, Finnish violinist, will appear with the Orchestra on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 26-

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Hoopsters Win Second, Play Tonight

Basketball Team | Tech Squash Team Wins Second

In Row

New Hampshire Bows To Tech Quintet In Close Game

Counting 43 points to 39 by the University of New Hampshire, the M.I.T. basketball team rang up its second victory of the season. Howard Samuels, '41, featured in the game, which was played at Durham, by scoring 18 points.

Within thirty seconds after the start of the game, Samuels sank a shot from the floor. This score was quickly tied, and the fast M.I.T. team realized that it was up against an unforeseen obstacle. The recently waxed floor caused the players to slide half the length of the floor when they tried to feint and cut toward the basket.

New Hampshire used a new cut and break style of play in which the whole team rushed to their opponents' goal as soon as the ball was in their possession. This left the other team with a comparatively unguarded

There is little doubt that both teams were seriously hampered by the slippery floor. By using their "rush" method the New Hampshire team was leading by three points at the half.

It was a new M.I.T. team that entered the second half. It was no longer a fast, faking, cutting team, but a wary, crafty, methodical one. Basket after basket was made with a minimum of effort and movement. Samuels and Paul Schneider, '39, did the bulk of the shooting while Richmond Wilson, '40, snatched the ball from the back board and passed it back to them.

Team Eases Off

One minute before the end of the game, the Technology team had an eleven-point lead. Suddenly the New Hampshire team perked up and gained seven points before the red and grey team could take hold again.

Only the superb guarding of Walter Farrell, '40, and Thomas Creamer, 10, in the first half kept the score close enough for the M.I.T. team to come back in the second half.

Team Faces Trinity

The undefeated quintet faces Trinity next Tuesday. Trinity lost to Arnold College, 42-38, in the only game they have played this season.

In their game with New Hampshire frosh the freshmen were completely overcome, 39-21.

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Defeats Wesleyan

Team Also Beat Harvard On Wednesday; Frosh Lose To Crimson

Last Saturday afternoon on the Tech squash courts, the M.I.T. Squash Racquets team defeated Wesleyan University 5-0.

Bob Millar, '40, Alex Thackara, '39, and Al Barton, '40, playing numbers 2, 3 and 4 respectively, easily defeated their opponents, Alex winning 3-0, and the other two winning by scores of 3-1. Bill Babcock, '39, playing number one, and Art Arguedas, playing number 5, each won 3-2, after the deciding games had gone to deuce.

Varsity Beat Harvard "B" Wednesday

On Wednesday the varsity beat Harvard "B" team 3-2, Babcock, Millar and Peskoe winning their matches. On Thursday, the Junior Varsity lost to the University Club 4-1. Carl Lenk, '39, playing number one, was the only

Frosh Lose to Harvard Frosh

On Friday, the Freshman team lost to the Harvard Freshmen 4-1. Jack Sheetz won 3-0, while Frank Howard and Ted Badger were nosed out 3-2. All these matches were played at Tech. The second Freshman team went to the Harvard Medical School on Friday and were easily trounced 5-0.

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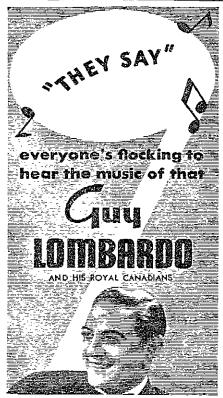
Brooklyn Beats Tech In Close Wrestling Match

The wrestling team lost to Brooklyn College by a score of 26 to 6 in the airst match of the season in N. Y. last Saturday. However, the match was nuch closer than the score indicates.

Eight men, headed by Captain John C. Vyverberg, '39, made the trip. The team was well trained and in good form, but bad luck kept them from winning. Tech did take two events: the 135 lb. class match was won by David K. Wang, '40, and the 175 lb. class match was taken by John A. Vanderpoel, '40.

Coach Ricks' team faces Wesleyan, a team which they have never met in a match before, next Saturday. The prospects for a victory are good.

of the varsity will enter the Fourth Annual Intercollegiate Invitation Squash Racquets Tournament at The University Club in New York City. Those who will probably receive invitations are Irv Peskoe, Alex Thackara, Al Barton and Art Arguedas. The tournament starts Tuesday, December 27.



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latter had a chance to run, and struggled with him until another dormitory resident finally came to his aid. MacKerron Tackles McHugh

Meanwhile MacKerron had sprung from bed and pursued McHugh, bringing him down with a flying tackle

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6:00 P.M. Faculty Student Committee Dinner in the Faculty Dining

Basketball Team Dinner-Silver Room. 6:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M. Tau Beta Pi Dinner-North Hall.

7:30 P.M. A.S.M.E. Smoker-Grill Room.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 P.M. Soccer Team Dinner-Faculty Dining Room. 7:00 P.M. Dorm Basketball Practice—Hangar Gym.

8:00 P.M. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting—East Lounge.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

3:00 P.M. Color Motion Pictures in 10-250.

5:00 P.M. Inst. Comm. Meeting-East Lounge.

Christian Science Organization Meeting-Room 10-200.

A.S.M.E. Dinner-North Hall. 7:00 P.M. Dormitory Basketball Practice—Hangar Gym.

Robberies

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McHugh offered no further resistance. A crowd of about 50 students were soon attracted by the sound of the melee and gathered about the two prisoners and their captors in the Walcott end of the hall. Ten minutes later the police arrived.

Conflicting Alibis Given

Two different explanations for their presence in the dormitories were given by the two youths. When first questioned by students immediately after their capture, the alibi offered was that they were looking for "Johnnie Proctor". (There is no such person listed in the Institute Direc-

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suspects gave an entirely different explanation when questioned by officers | ing to the latter this was the first in a Walcott lavatory immediately report they had concerning that crime. upon their arrival at the scene.

This alibi, according to information gained from the police, said that they followed a man they met on a Harvard Square-Massachusetts Station bus into the dormitories. Having lost sight of him upon entering the old dorms they went into MacKerron's room, since they thought they had seen him enter there.

The two youths are suspected of being involved in one or more of four robberies committed in Technology fraternities and dormitories within the past two weeks. For this reason the Boston police have taken an active interest in the case.

Murphy, age 25, gave his address as 45 Hamilton Street, Dorchester. Mc-Hugh stated that he was from 90 Whelan Street, Roxbury.

Two of the wallets stolen last Thurs-

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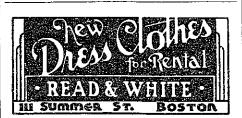
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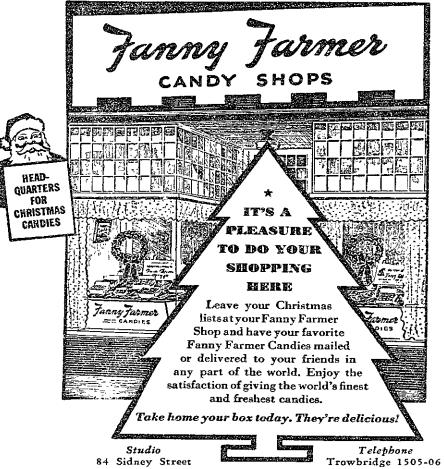
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